

Words of Truth and Sobriety about Union, Secession, etc.

It is so exceedingly warm, that anything like excitement would be totally out of place; and since we must write, we propose taking a calm, common sense view of things, political and sectional, just as they are, without reference to any new-fangled theories or platforms, prepropounded or erected by distinguished individuals, or great conventions. We think it about time for the press of the South to repudiate all humbugs, and all pretensions of deference to humbugs; by doing so, we will much sooner become aware of what can, and what actually will be done. Now, in regard to the present position of affairs in South Carolina, it is just as well to set it down at once as a fixed fact, that there will be no secession this time. Things are coming to that even more rapidly than we had anticipated. Out of South Carolina, the question has been settled long ago. South Carolina is ready to secede at any time that she can get the other Southern States to go with her, but not without. The other Southern States will not join. South Carolina will not go alone. So the matter ends for the present.

With one exception, we believe every Southern State is democratic; in fact we may say that the whig party, as such, has ceased to exist at the South. When the day of trial came, the consolidationists ideas of the federalist party were found totally unsuited to a minority section, whose only safety lies in the fullest recognition of the democratic doctrine of State rights, and a rigid interpretation of the constitution. Hence the total annihilation of that party. Even North Carolina went by the board. Such is the actual position of parties. What is the course which the federalist leaders now adopt in order to pave the way for their restoration to power? How do they propose to heal the bleeding wounds, and secure the future peace of the country? By the principles of the whig party? No, but by the principles of the "Union party." This Union party we pronounce a humbug, and a most dangerous humbug at that.

What is the use of this party? Is it needed? Is the Union in present danger? If it were in danger, could this party save it? To all these questions we answer emphatically—No! The Union has been endangered by a violation of the cardinal principles of the democratic creed—the principles of State sovereignty, and a rigid construction of the constitution. It can, must, and will be saved by a return to the principles of that party, not by its abandonment to run after any and every mongrel, spotted, speckled and streaked Union party, without principles or settled policy. That this is felt at the South, is abundantly proved by the results of all the State elections South of Mason and Dixon's line. That the leaders of the former whig party, finding their forces like Othello's occupation, gone, should be willing to do anything for a living, is not so remarkable; but that democrats, with their party in the ascendant, and every day adding to the strength of their principles, should turn round, and join this ridiculous humbug, is so difficult of belief, that we should feel much inclined to question the democracy of any man whom we might find so acting.

It has become quite a common trick with the advocates of this Union at all hazards party, to represent all who will not join them as disunionists and traitors. It is also one of their tricks to endeavor to establish an identity between the disunionists at the South, and the abolitionists at the North, on the principle, we suppose, that extremes meet. It would seem, however, that this is a rather inconclusive argument. Some of the most enthusiastic Unionists, are the greatest abolitionists. SUMNER's letter of acceptance would do honor to TOOMBS, STEPHENS, FOOTE, or any other Union party man. The following Union resolutions passed the Senate of Massachusetts, with only four dissenting votes:

Resolved, That Massachusetts affirm anew her hostility to slavery and her devotion to the Union; that, inspired by these cherished sentiments, she longs for harmony among the different parts of our common country; but she cannot consent to the contention that she be finally and permanently secured only by the overthrow of slavery, so far as the same can be constitutionally done, everywhere within the jurisdiction of the national government; that the free State may be relieved from all responsibility therefor, so that freedom, instead of slavery, shall become national, and slavery, instead of freedom, become sectional.

Now this is right good Union party doctrine. Massachusetts is loud for the Union, but how long, might we ask, would such a Union last? How long ought it to last? The Union is not all, and a Union party is not all. But the Union, under the constitution, is all, and the party that guarantees that Union is all, and that party is the State Rights Democratic party. The Democrat who at such a crisis would desert his party, is either blind or has some sinister motive.

In our conclusions, we would beg leave to suggest to our Democratic friends the propriety of avoiding, as much as possible, all intimations and recriminations upon the subject of secession, submission, and so on. Since the thing itself has for the time being passed over, we cannot see the use of perpetuating animosities or repeating epithets which have had their origin in a difference of opinion which, for all practical purposes, is at an end. Since it is now evident that the battle, at least for the present, is to be fought in the Union, let us prepare so to fight it.

Let us consolidate our forces, confident that a National Democratic victory is a Southern triumph, and a defeat a Southern loss indeed.

A severe cold under which we have suffered for the last week, which has made reading or writing a labor, will, we hope, excuse any defects in the present number of the Journal.

The Telegraph is at length in operation, the operator being a juvenile of about fourteen years.—The first dispatch was received here on Wednesday. We will make arrangements to use it in all cases where it can be made really useful.

FIRE.—The Tar-pentine Distillery, and several hundred bbls. of Rosin, and a number of empty Spirit barrels, together with the fixtures, belonging to the Messrs. FRYLAW, above the Railroad Depot, was entirely destroyed by fire on Friday night last. Loss estimated at \$2,000. No insurance. It is supposed to be the work of incendiaries.

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## North Carolina Railroad.

The Board of Directors of this Road met at Raleigh on Monday, the 12th instant, and continued in session until Thursday, the 15th. Full and elaborate reports were received from the Chief Engineer and his Assistants, and the Road located in accordance with them. The Directors have ordered the President and Chief Engineer to put the whole Road under contract before the 9th of July. A reasonable time allowed for commencing the work.

From the report of the Engineer, which we give in full, it will be seen that the Road has been surveyed and located, from the point of its connection with the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad, which will be a mile and an eighth south of Goldsboro', in Wayne county, to Charlotte, in Mecklenburg county. It will be 223 miles in length, and cost, with locomotives and cars, \$3,405,132. The calculation is for a very slender supply of working machinery, totally inadequate to the wants of a Road 223 miles in length. It is probable that the Road will cost about four millions of dollars before it can be put in operation.

The location is, of course, by way of Raleigh, passing on the south side of that city, the route most favorable to the interests of this place and Newbern. From Raleigh it goes by way of Hillsboro', Greensboro' and Lexington, to Salisbury, and from Salisbury to Charlotte, by the Concord route, passing within a mile of that village. At Charlotte, it connects with the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad.

THEATRE.—This place of amusement is still open to good houses. It is getting too hot. We presume the season will close with Saturday night. They played RICHARD III. on Wednesday night. We did not see much of it, but have heard it said that LINDEN played Richard better than most people had expected. The Company is not suited to tragedy, and should not attempt it. Miss DEXTER acted her part very well, as, indeed, she always does. BROWN immortalized himself on Tuesday night as the "Major," in "Life in New York." ELLISER, as ADAM BROCK, in the play of CHARLES XII., was capital. He uses no clap-trap.

WALTER F. LEAKE, Esq.—This popular gentleman and staunch member of the Democratic party, visited this place in the beginning of this week for the first time in his life. We have never been more forcibly struck with the want of intercourse between the interior and seaboard of North Carolina, than we were when we heard Mr. LEAKE remark that he had never before visited Wilmington. He has, however, always been a true friend to the interests of this town and section.

RATHER OBSCURE.—The last number of the Wilmington Herald, in a notice of our little controversy with General SAUNDERS, quotes the following lines, from, we think, Coleridge's Christabel, applying the words to the General and ourselves:

"Alas, they had been friends in youth,  
But whispering tongues can poison truth."

This must have happened long ago, for we have forgotten all about it. If we are not much mistaken, the General was a youth over thirty years before the "venerable" of the Journal was born. The first time we ever saw General SAUNDERS was last year, and we did not then think him a very young man.

THE MESSAGE.—We have received the specimen number of the "Weekly Message," a Methodist newspaper, to be published at Greensboro', N. C., by SIDNEY D. BURNAP, at \$1 per annum. Its regular publication will be commenced as soon as the necessary number of subscribers can be obtained. The paper is very well gotten up, and being devoted to the interests of a numerous and influential denomination of Christians, we think it cannot fail in obtaining success.

FOOTE.—That most remarkable of all feet, FOOTE of Mississippi, has at last put his foot into it, having joined the "Union" party in Mississippi, of which party he is going to be the gubernatorial candidate. We have no doubt he will be very soundly beaten. A man who cannot find sufficient love for the Union in the National Democratic party, but must join a mongrel old and end half Federalist and whole humbug party, is certainly unworthy the confidence of a Democratic State. QUITMAN will beat FOOTE by several feet.

Three days later from Europe.—The United States mail steamer Franklin arrived at New York on the 19th inst., having sailed from Havre on the 7th. She brings dates from Liverpool to the 5th. The sales of cotton in Liverpool for the three days intervening since the departure of the Cambria, amounted to 13,500 bales, including five thousand bales on the fifth, at an advance of an eighth of a penny per pound, and an improved feeling had manifested itself in the manufacturing districts. Breadstuffs firm and unchanged. Coffee was sixpence lower. Carolina Rice 19s. to 20s. Naval Stores unchanged.

The Crystal Palace is still the great point of attraction. On the 5th of May the admission fee was reduced to six shillings, and upon that day upwards of 60,000 persons visited the place, and £1,000 sterling were taken in at the door. Many season tickets were being sold, and the receipts were calculated at £2,000 per diem.

The Ministry seem disposed to hold on notwithstanding their defeat on Mr. Hume's motion relative to the income tax law. It is stated by some of the German papers, that a new effort is about to be made by Hungary to regain her liberty. Austria has demanded the Sultan to retain the fourteen Hungarian refugees two years longer. The anniversary of the proclamation of the French Republic passed off without any disturbance. A Carlist conspiracy had been discovered by the Spanish authorities in Catalonia, and seven of the conspirators shot. The Dresden Congresses had not terminated. The new law relative to the press in Prussia is very severe. The insurrection in Portugal was spreading, and Marshal Saldanha had taken possession of Oporto, which had created considerable consternation in Lisbon; so much so, that it was believed that the Queen would, in all probability, abdicate the throne and proclaim a Regency. A Spanish army was collecting on the Portuguese frontier.

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Oh, Mr. J.—Some of the Federalist papers in this State nominate FILLMORE for President, and GARRAM for Vice President. Merciful Moses, how they will be beaten!

THE SEABOARD AND ROANOKE RAILROAD.—Only twenty-seven miles of this Road remain to be done, the track being now laid to within that distance of Weldon. It will be finished in July.

## The North Carolina Railroad.

From the Columbia Daily South Carolinian.

What was the original intention of those who were instrumental in invoking this body, the intention which it has manifested is too clear to be mistaken. The address and resolutions were able and ably drawn, and exhibit the evidence of skillful management; and while both the resolutions and address are mild and conciliatory, it is apparent that the principle intended to be announced is the fact that the year 1852 will witness the secession of South Carolina from the Union. The world is advertised, as by the report of the Mercury, that of four hundred and thirty delegates representing the various Southern Rights Associations throughout the State, only five were found dissenting to the positions laid down. This is certainly remarkable unanimity. It was calculated to give the assurance of the early and separate withdrawal of South Carolina from the confederacy. The Convention was not satisfied with this powerful demonstration, by gathering strength from its own momentum, it declared itself a permanent body, self-created and self-existing. This, to one disposed to look at matters calmly, is certainly a very extraordinary proposition, and one which this body, and the members governing its action. The object in calling this Convention was understood to be for the purpose of effecting an interchange of sentiment between the Southern Rights Associations of this and other States; but as Charleston was selected as the place of meeting, the secessionists *per se*, immediately took the alarm, and by a determined effort, not only to carry out their own purposes, but to overawe Charleston, and let the Northern merchants, and other gentlemen of like cloth, know that Charleston was not the State, nor should she be permitted to throw cold water on the country flame. The first move in the game that is to be played was to take Charleston by storm. 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